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JUNE 18-22

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1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES THE LABOR DESK VISIT AND WE RECOMMEND
TWO PROGRAM DAYS IN LISBON, ONE IN OPORTO. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS
IN LISBON ARE:
--A CALL ON THE LABOR MINISTER;
-- MEETINGS WITH PS AND PSD OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH LABOR;
-- VISITS TO THE JOSE FONTANA AND OLIVEIRA MARTINS FOUNDATIONS;
-- MEETINGS WITH OFFICE WORKER AND PORT WORKER UNIONUNION LEADERS.
IN OPORTO:
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-- JOINT MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE TEACHER AND BANK WORKER
UNIONS;
-- A MEETING WITH THE SOCIALIST PARTY LABOR COMMITTEE;
-- VISIT THE CDS INSTITUTE FOR LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY.

2. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD HAVE SOME IDEA
OF WHAT MEETINGS, IF ANY, THE LABOR DESK HAS ALREADY
INDEPENDENTLY SOUGHT TO ARRANGE. THE YOUTH COUNCIL HAS
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REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION IN
LISBON WHICH WE UNDERSTAND THE LABOR DESK GROUP PLANS TO ATTEND.
ARE THERE OTHER MEETINGS? HAS PROFESSOR GODSON, FOR EXAMPLE,
REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH RUI MACHETE AND MARIO PINTO? IN
THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS
THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEEK TO DISCOURAGE, WHENEVER
POSSIBLE, DIRECT PROGRAMMING EFFORTS BY INDIVIDUALS AND

ORGANIZATIONS IN PROGRAMS OF THIS NATURE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE
CURRENTLY EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING AN
AID-FUNDED EXCHANGE PROGRAM AS PART OF AN OVERALL COUNTRY
LABOR PROGRAM. WHILE WE WELCOME THE LABOR DESK VISIT, WE
WOULD URGE THAT THE LABATT BE CONSULTED SHOULD OTHER LABOR
VISITS BE PROPOSED. THE LABOR SITUATION IN PORTUGAL,
PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF U. S. INVOLVEMENT, REMAINS
SENSITIVE AND CALLS FOR MAXIMUM COORDINATION.
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